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Testing Integrated Circuits

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Before examination please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert a new paragraph:

This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/997,540, filed November 29, 2001, now pending;

which was a divisional of Application No. 09/836,635, filed April 16, 2001, now U.S. 6,362,015, granted March 26, 2002;

which was a divisional of Application No. 09/183,885, filed October 30, 1998, now U.S. 6,242,269, granted June 5, 2001;

which claimed priority from Provisional Application No. 60/064,145, filed November 3, 1997, now abandoned.